



Northern Great Plains Network

Inventory and Monitoring Monthly Report

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Phase II: Phase II was submitted to the Regional Office on July 12 with a request to forward to the Washington Office. Assuming the draft is accepted, the next major deadline is December 15, 2007 when a draft of Phase III (i.e., the complete document) is due. However, there is an extensive peer review after submission of that document so the revised (i.e., the final final) is due October 1, 2008.

New Hires: Mike Bynum will EOD as a Term Biological Technician GS-7 on October 15. Many of you will recall that Mike worked for the I&M Program in 2004-2005. Mike has a strong background in plants. John Wrede will EOD on the same day, also as a Term Biological Technician GS-7. John has spent most of his career with South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks. His background is wildlife. Both Mike and John will assist in all aspects of the I&M Program including data mining, data entry, development of monitoring protocols, and assistance to the parks. (Deferring the start date until October 15 works well for both of them and [hopefully] we'll be certain of our FY07 budget by then.)

Field Work: In late-June and July the I&M Program staff and partners spent approximately 15 person-days assisting parks with monitoring-related field projects. Specifically, the I&M Program assisted Badlands NP with monitoring swift fox, Mt. Rushmore NMEM with goshawk surveys, and Devils Tower NM with a goshawk survey. Contact the I&M Program if assistance is needed on a monitoring-related project.

Technical Committee: The Technical Committee has had several changes in the past few months so I'm sending the current makeup. If there are errors please contact the I&M Program.

Park

Agate Fossil Beds NM
Badlands NP
Devils Tower NM
Fort Laramie NHS
Fort Union Trading Post NHS
Jewel Cave NM
Knife River Indian Villages NHS
Missouri NRR
Mount Rushmore NMEM
Niobrara NSR
Scotts Bluff NM
Theodore Roosevelt NP
Wind Cave NP

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